

Claims

- [c1] A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system including:
- a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;
 - a system control and voice recognition processor receiving said verbal command from said microphone and assigning a function to an input console in response to said verbal command; and
 - an input console controlling said function assigned to said input console when activated by said operator.
- [c2] The system of claim 1 further including a medical imaging acquisition and display system for displaying medical images.
- [c3] The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and voice recognition processor is programmed to recognize a verbal command as a predetermined verbal command.
- [c4] The system of claim 1 wherein said system control and voice recognition processor is programmed to recognize a predetermined function.
- [c5] The system of claim 1 wherein said input console is a foot-input console.
- [c6] The system of claim 1 wherein said medical imaging device is an ultrasonic medical imaging device.
- [c7] A system for controlling a function of a medical device, said system including:
- a microphone for receiving a verbal command from an operator;
 - a system control and voice recognition processor receiving said verbal command and assigning a function to an input console in response to said verbal command;
 - an input device initiating said function assigned to said input device when activated by said operator; and
 - a display for displaying the function assigned to said input device.

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receiving a verbal command from an operator;
assigning a function to an input console in response to said verbal
command; and
controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to
said verbal command when said input device is activated by an
operator.

[c21] The method of claim 20 wherein said verbal command is received by said
operator by a microphone.

[c22] The method of claim 20 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.

[c23] A method for assigning a function of a medical device to an input device,
said method including the steps of:
receiving a verbal command for assigning a function;
receiving an additional verbal command for assigning an input device;
assigning said function to said input device in response to said verbal
commands; and
controlling said function assigned to said input device in response to
said verbal commands when said input device is activated by an
operator.

[c24] The method of claim 23 wherein said verbal command is received by said
operator by a microphone.

[c25] The method of claim 23 wherein said input device is a foot-input device.